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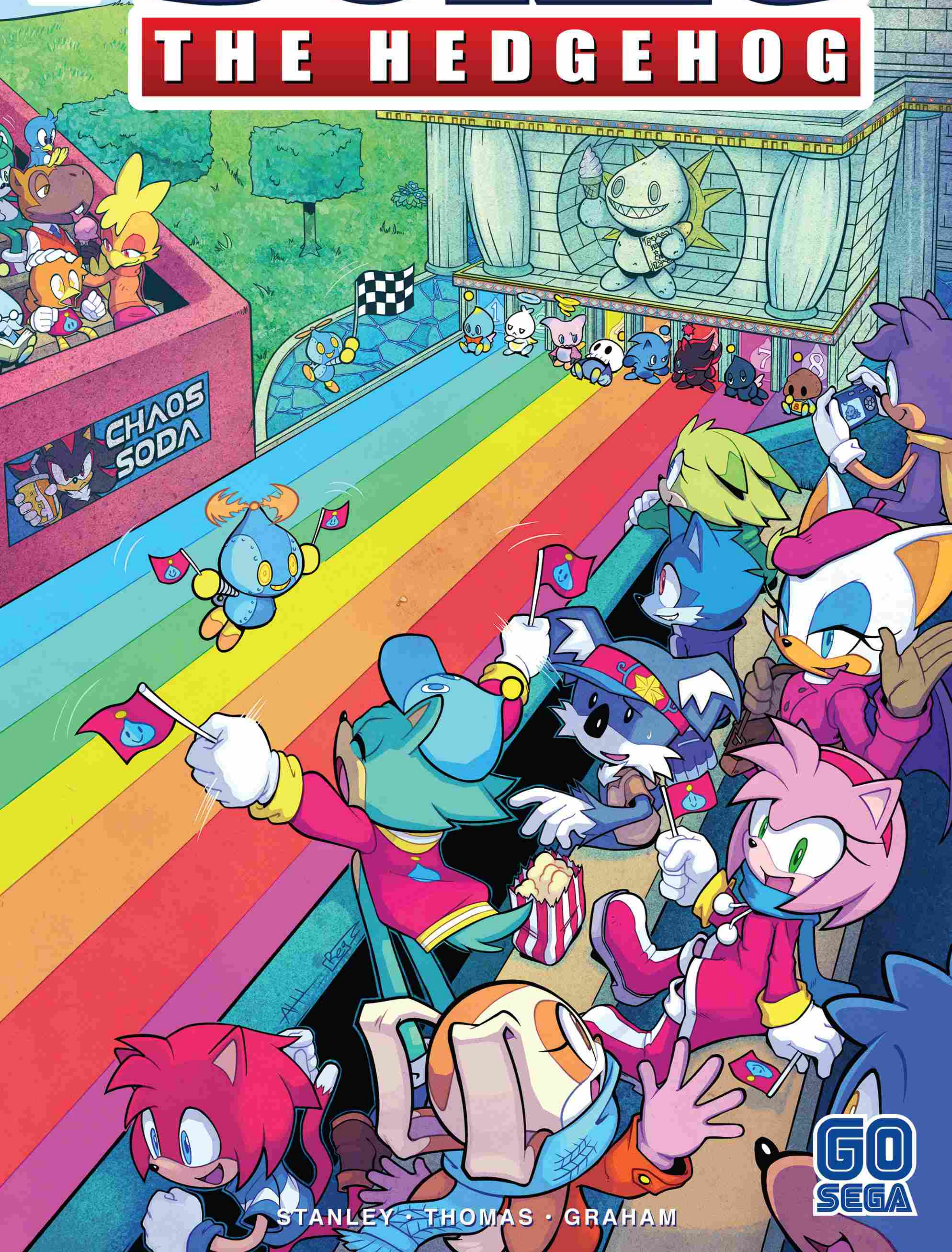
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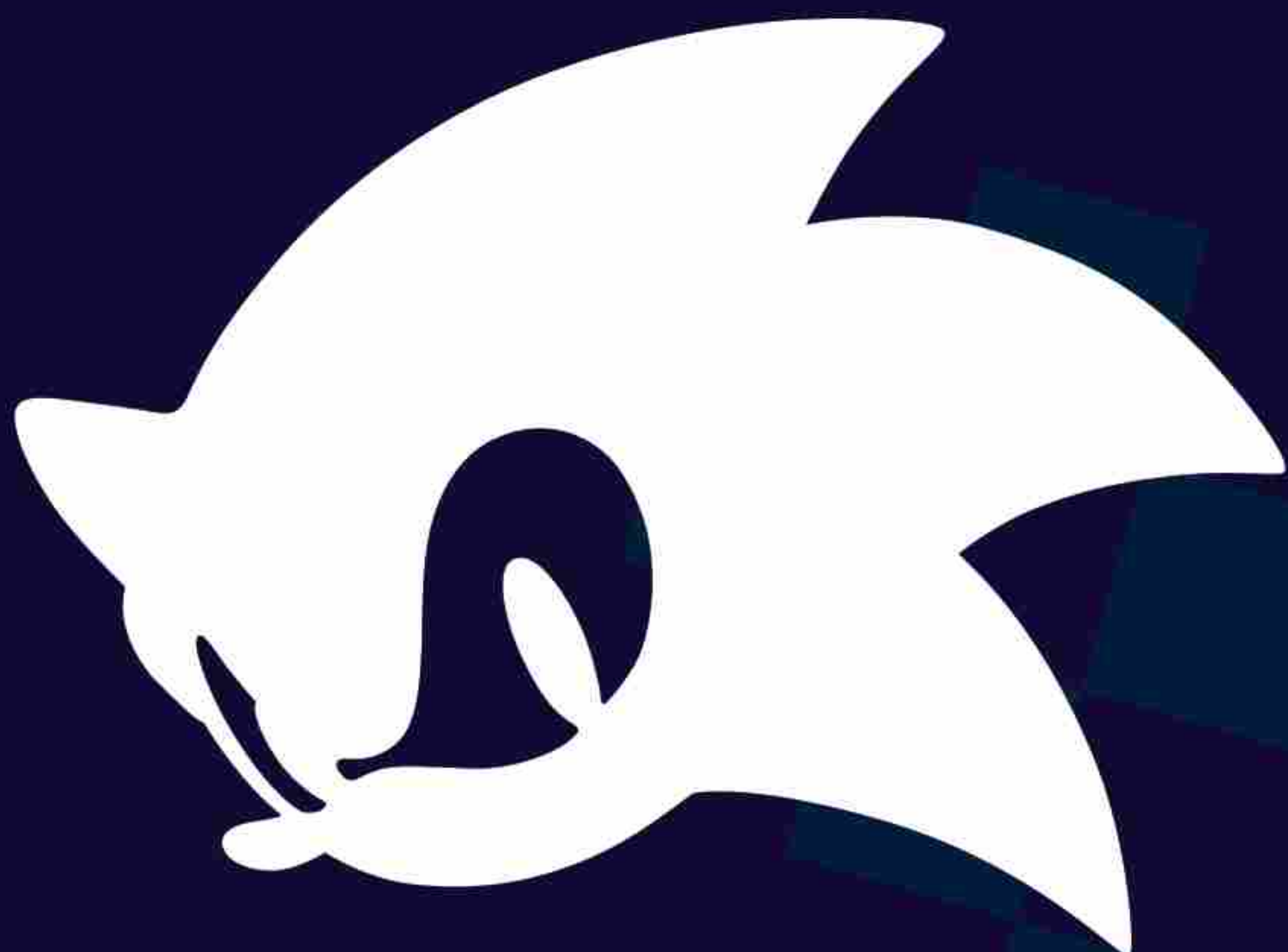
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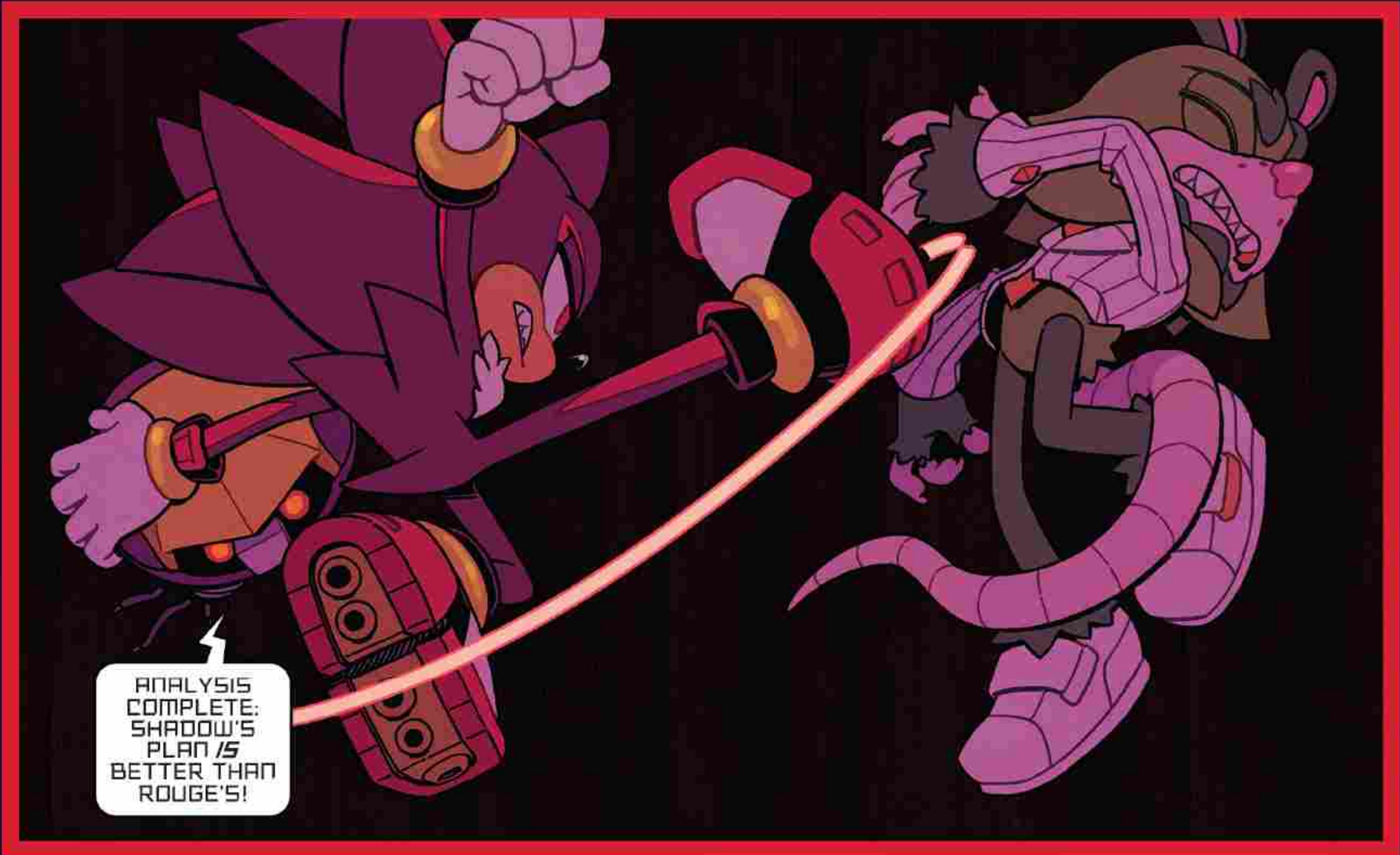


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STORY SO FAR





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest Thing Alive.



AMY ROSE

Adventure-ready heroine.
The chaperone.



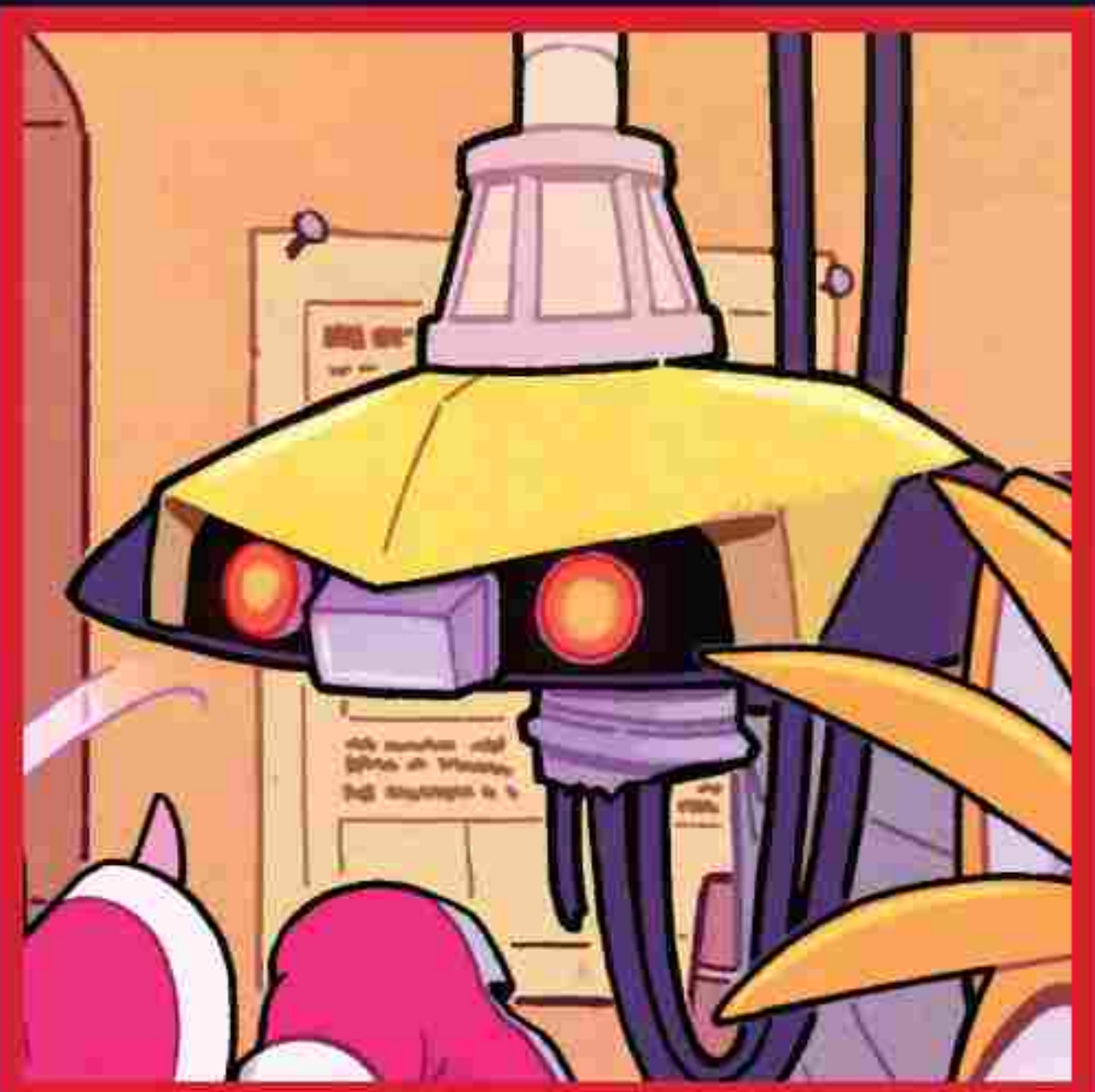
MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Boy genius.
The brains.



ROUGE THE BAT

Treasure-loving spy.
The swindler.



E-123 OMEGA

Damaged robot.
Stuck in a bag.



CREAM THE RABBIT

Compassionate heroine.
The cutest thing alive.



CHEESE

Excitable chao.
The tiny sidekick.



GEMERL

Reformed Robot.
The muscle.



BELLE THE TINKERER

Mysterious Marionette.
The curveball.



HOW DO THEY JUST KEEP COMING?!

WHO KNOWS HOW MANY COULD BE PACKED INSIDE THE WALLS.



THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY THE TOUGHEST 'BOTS, BUT...

BLAM



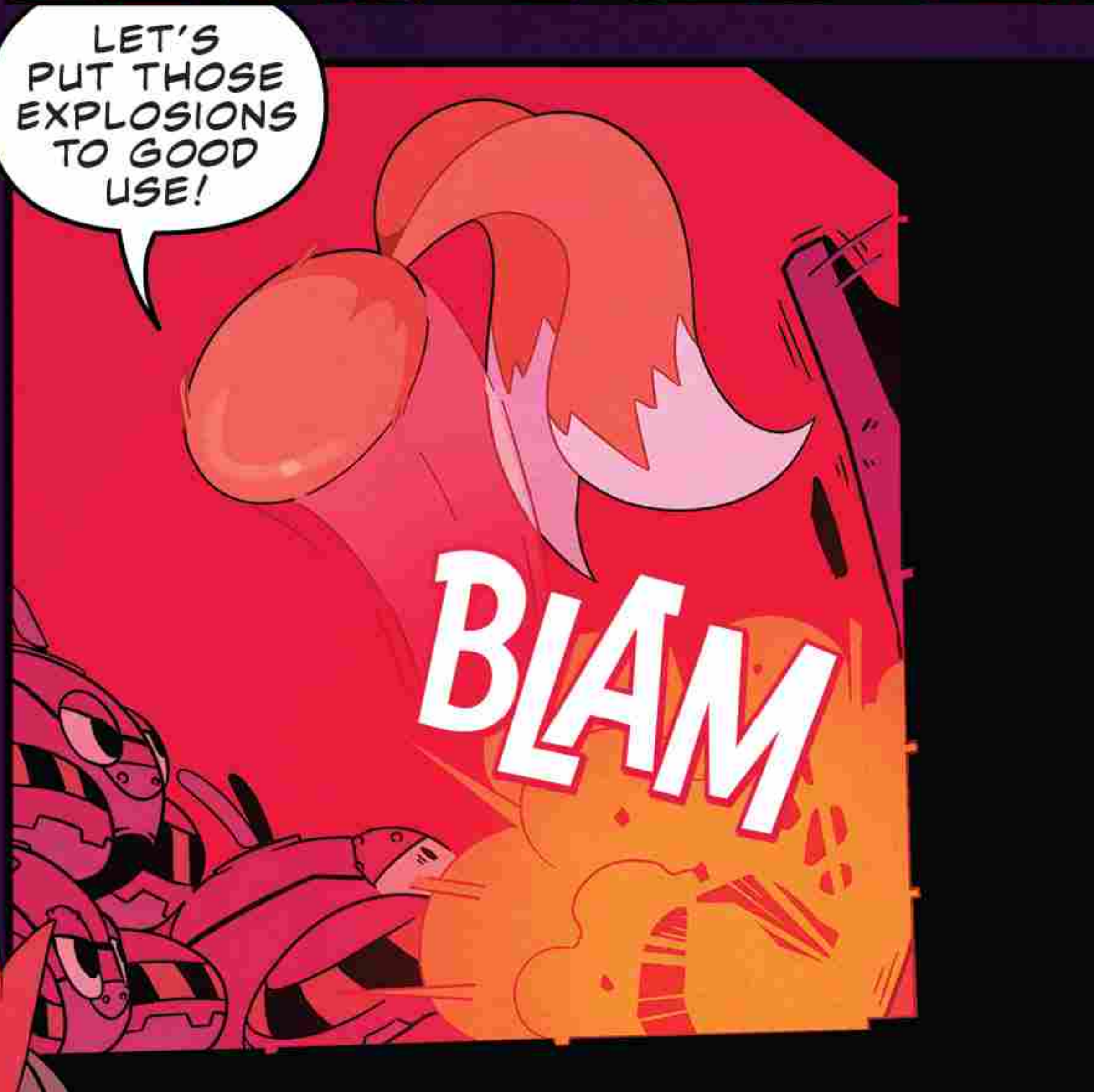
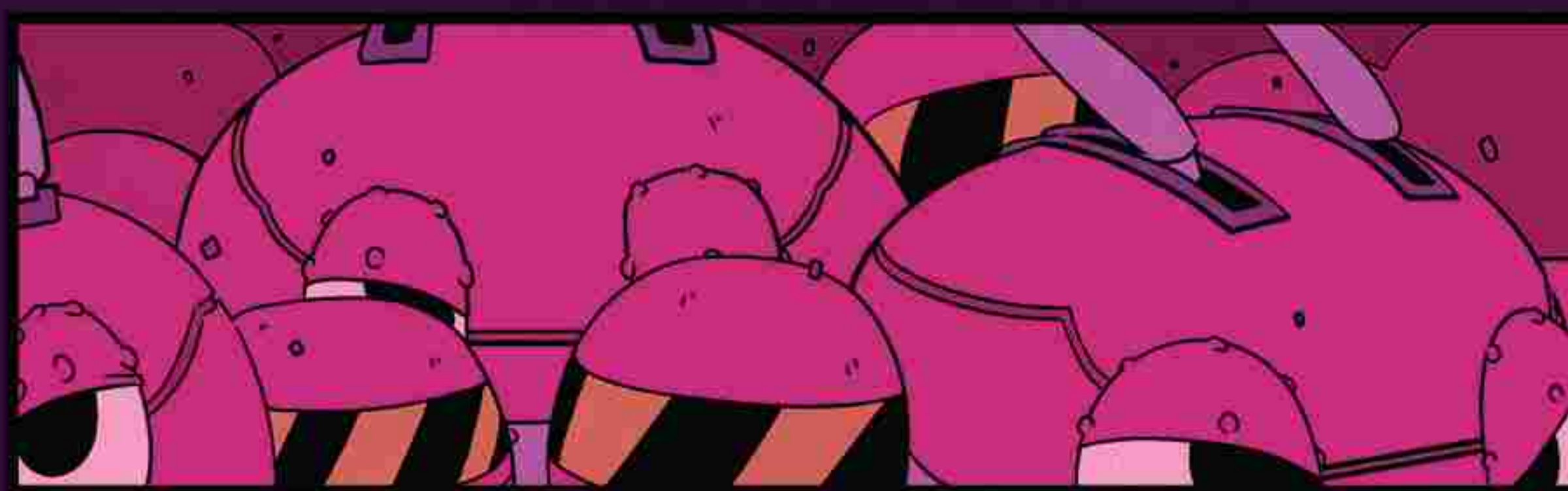
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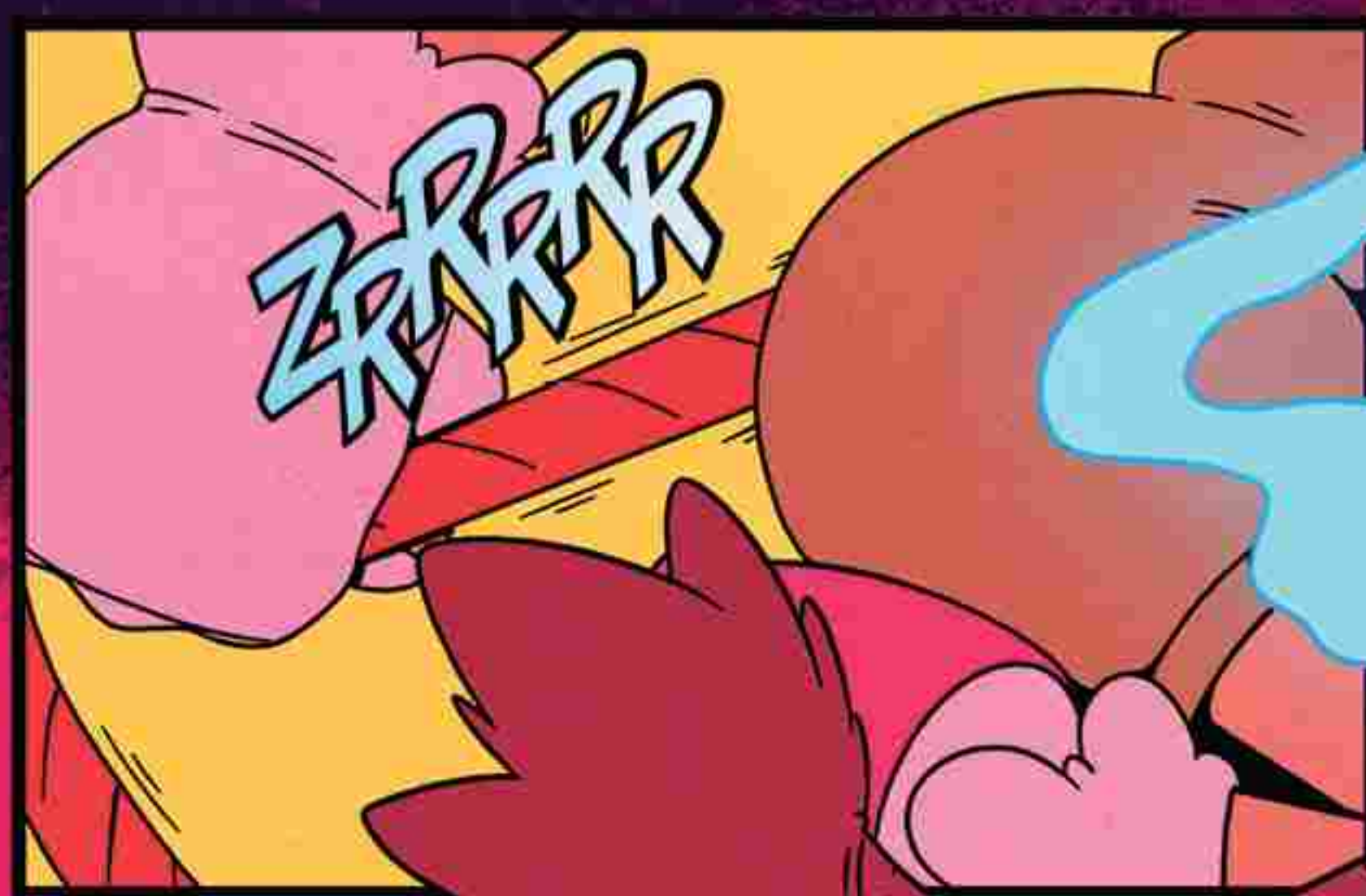
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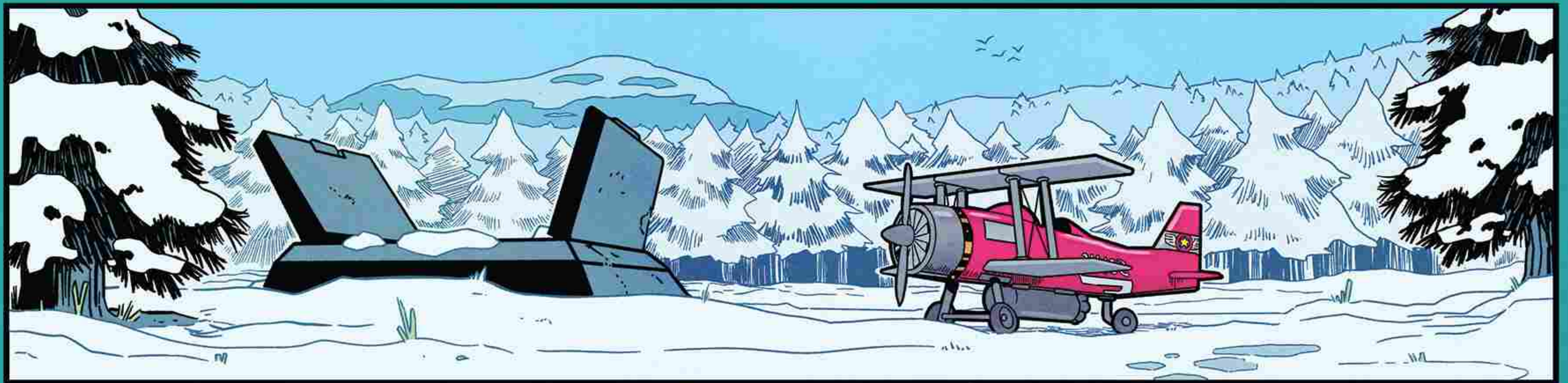


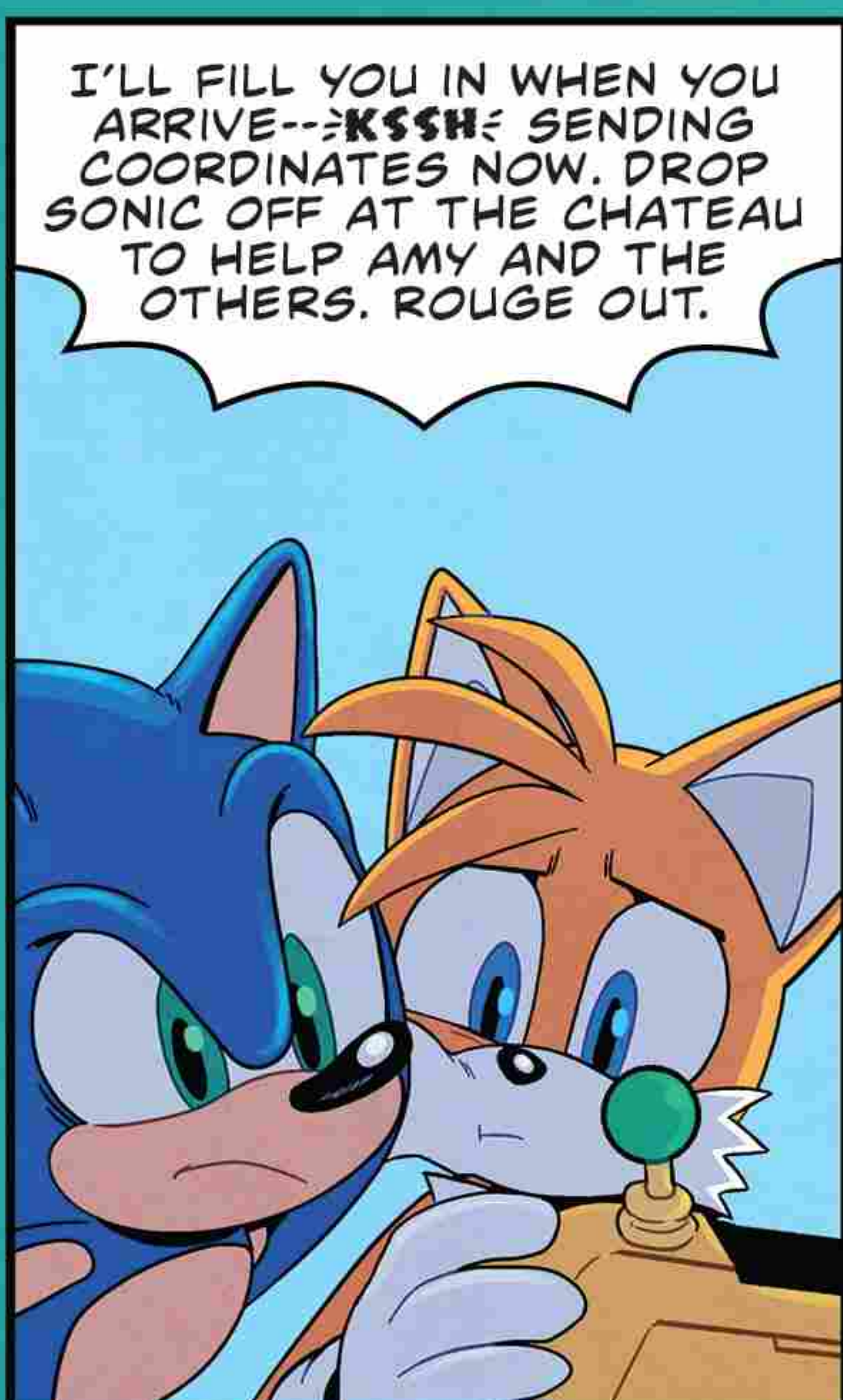
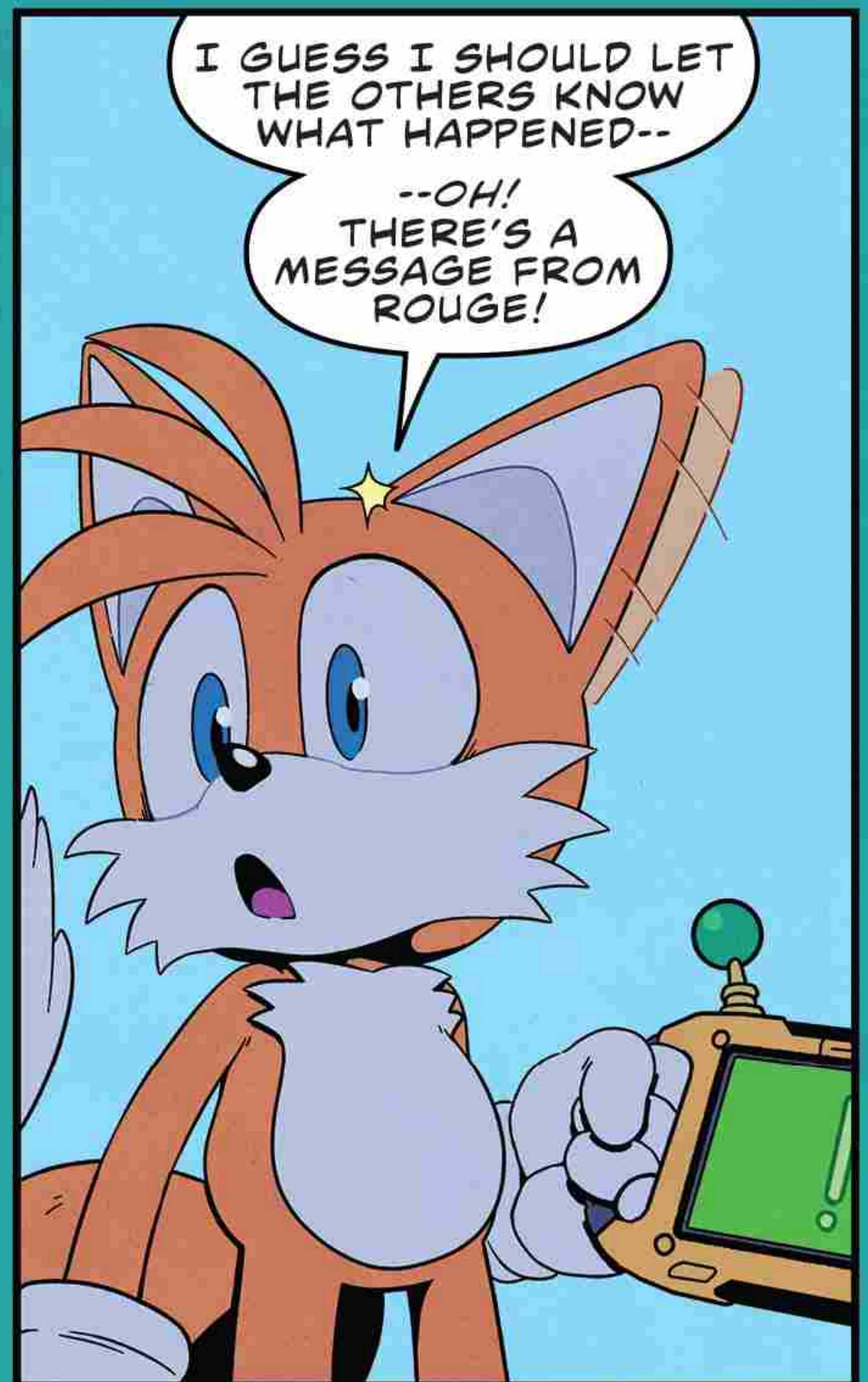
I'VE GOT AN IDEA--GET READY TO FOLLOW ME!

RIGHT BEHIND YOU, BUD.



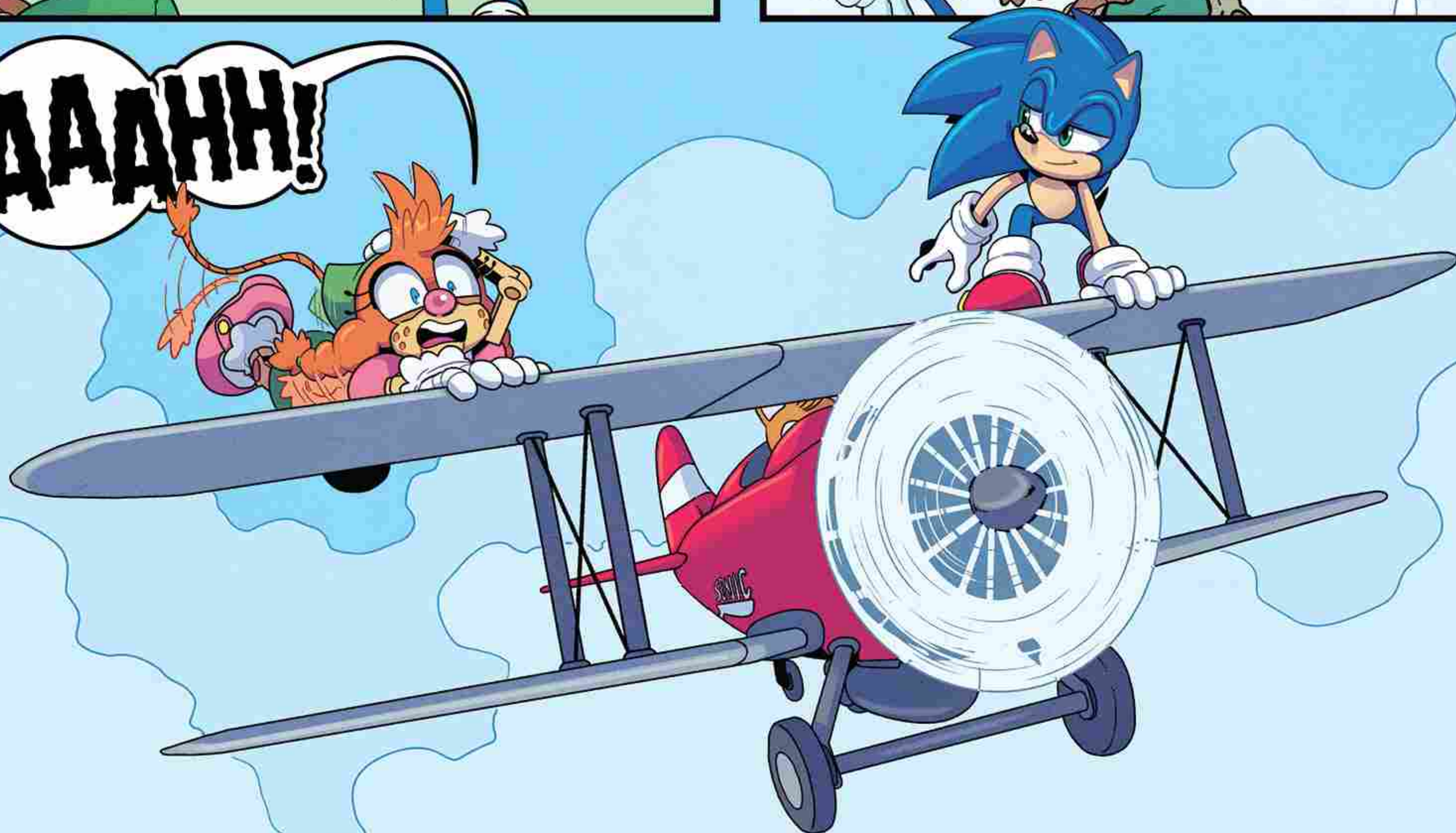


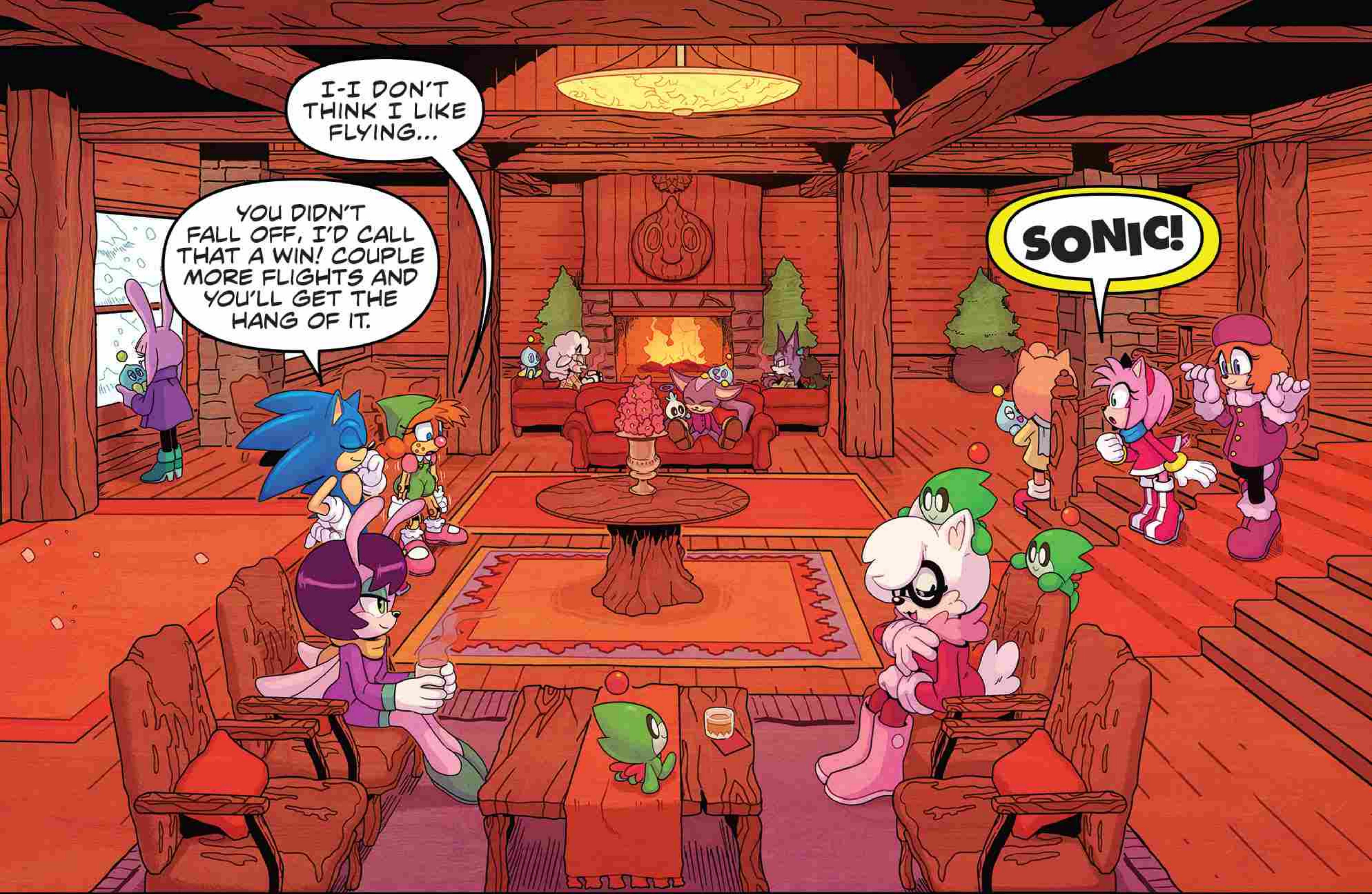


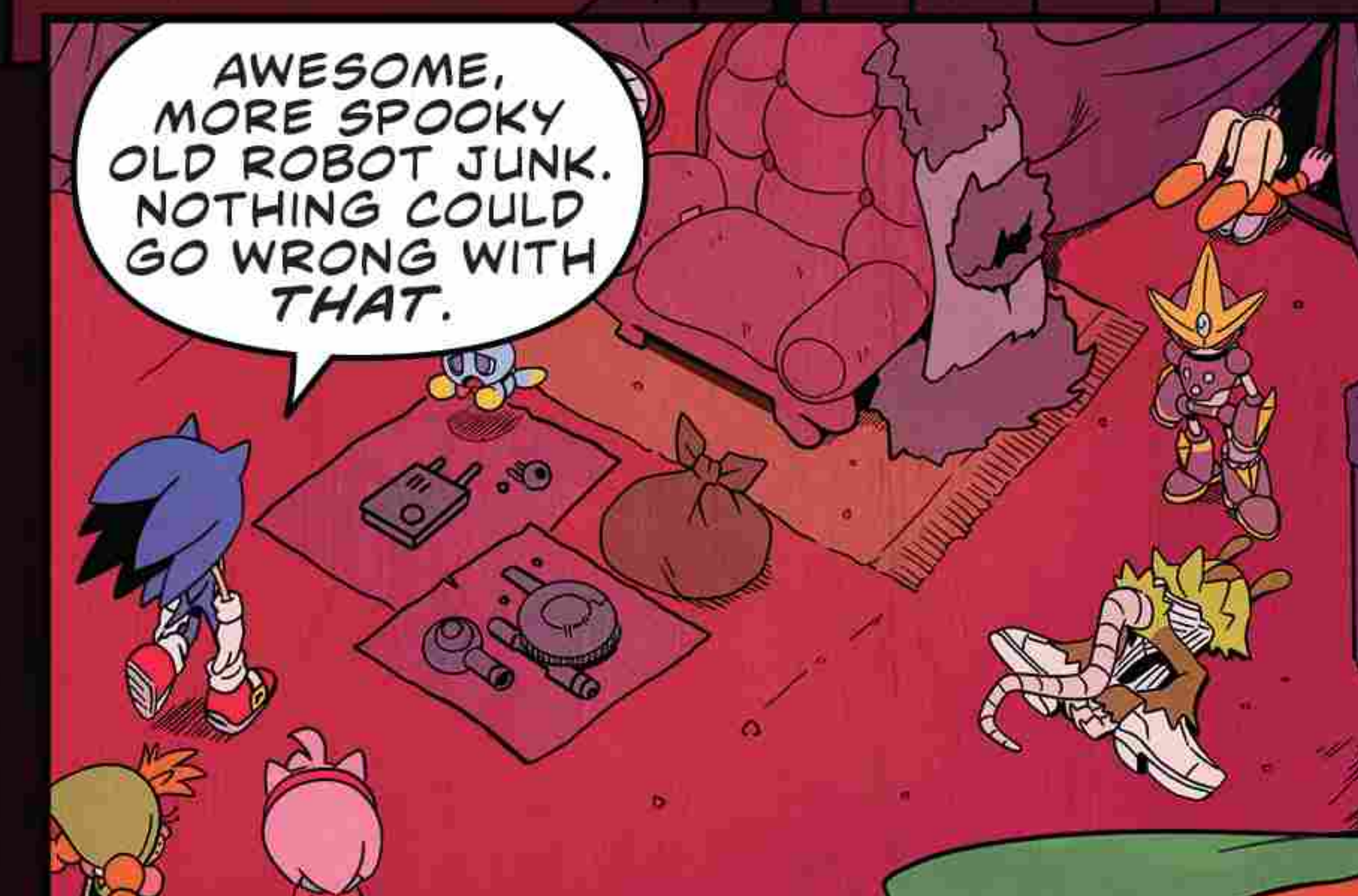




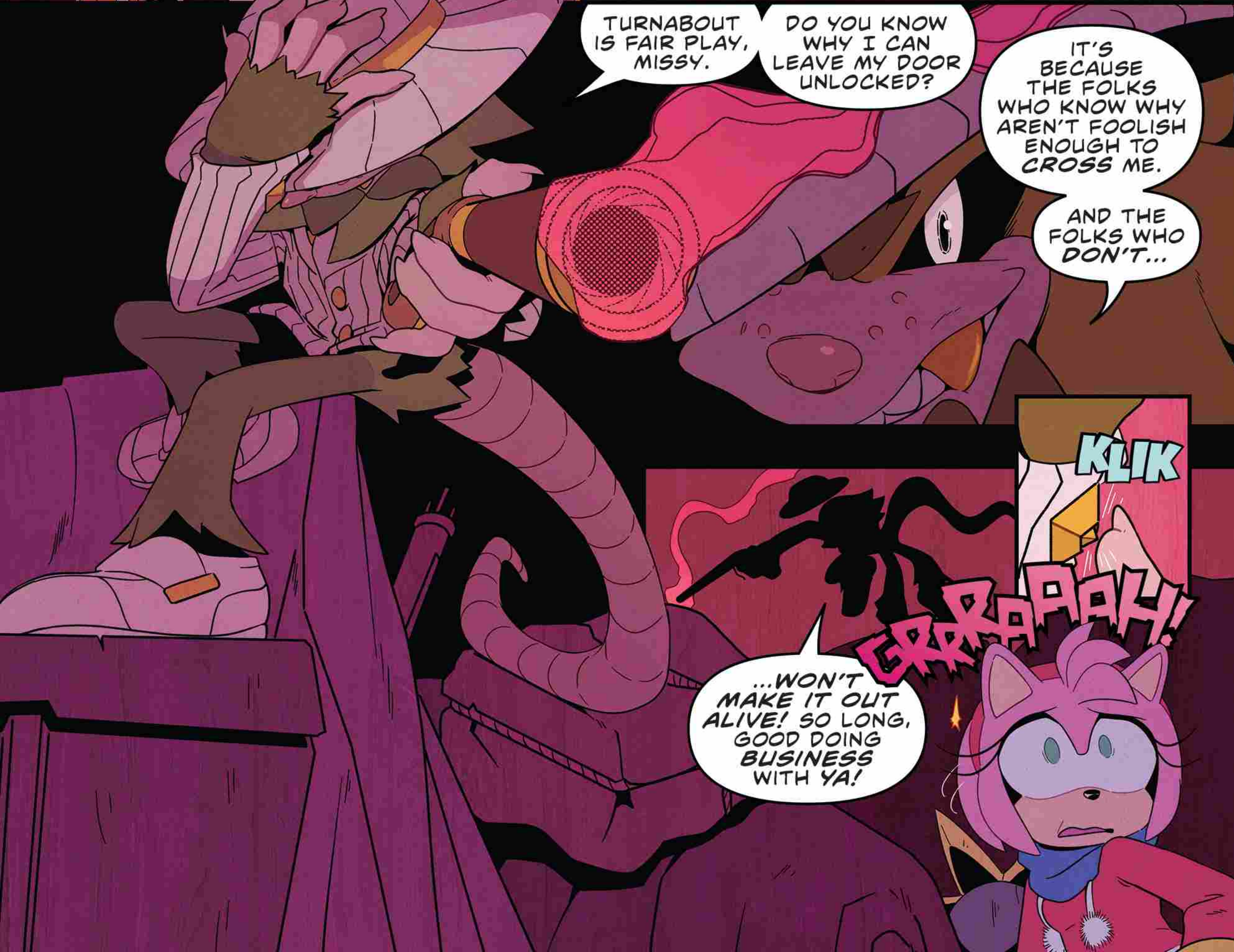
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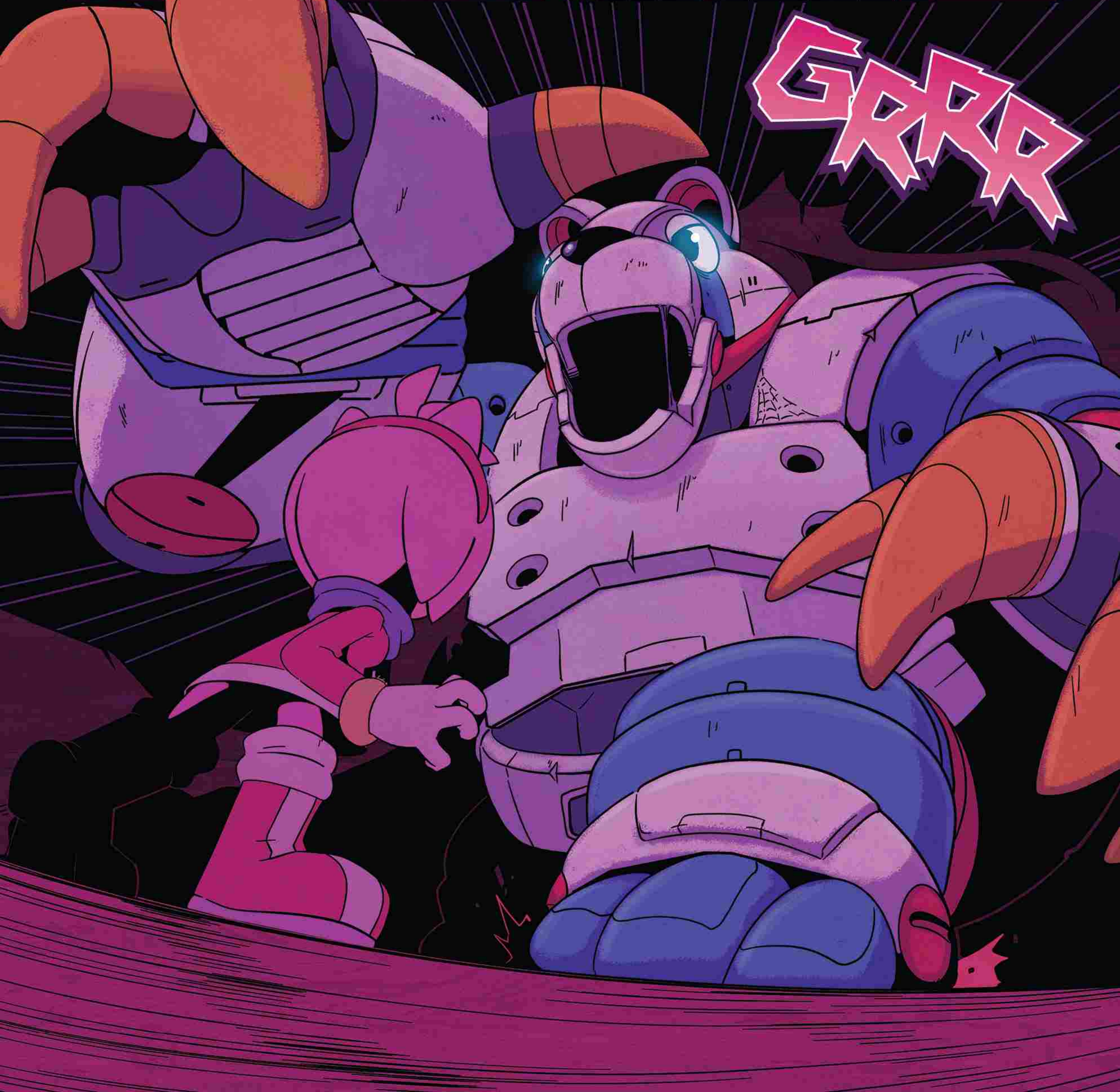




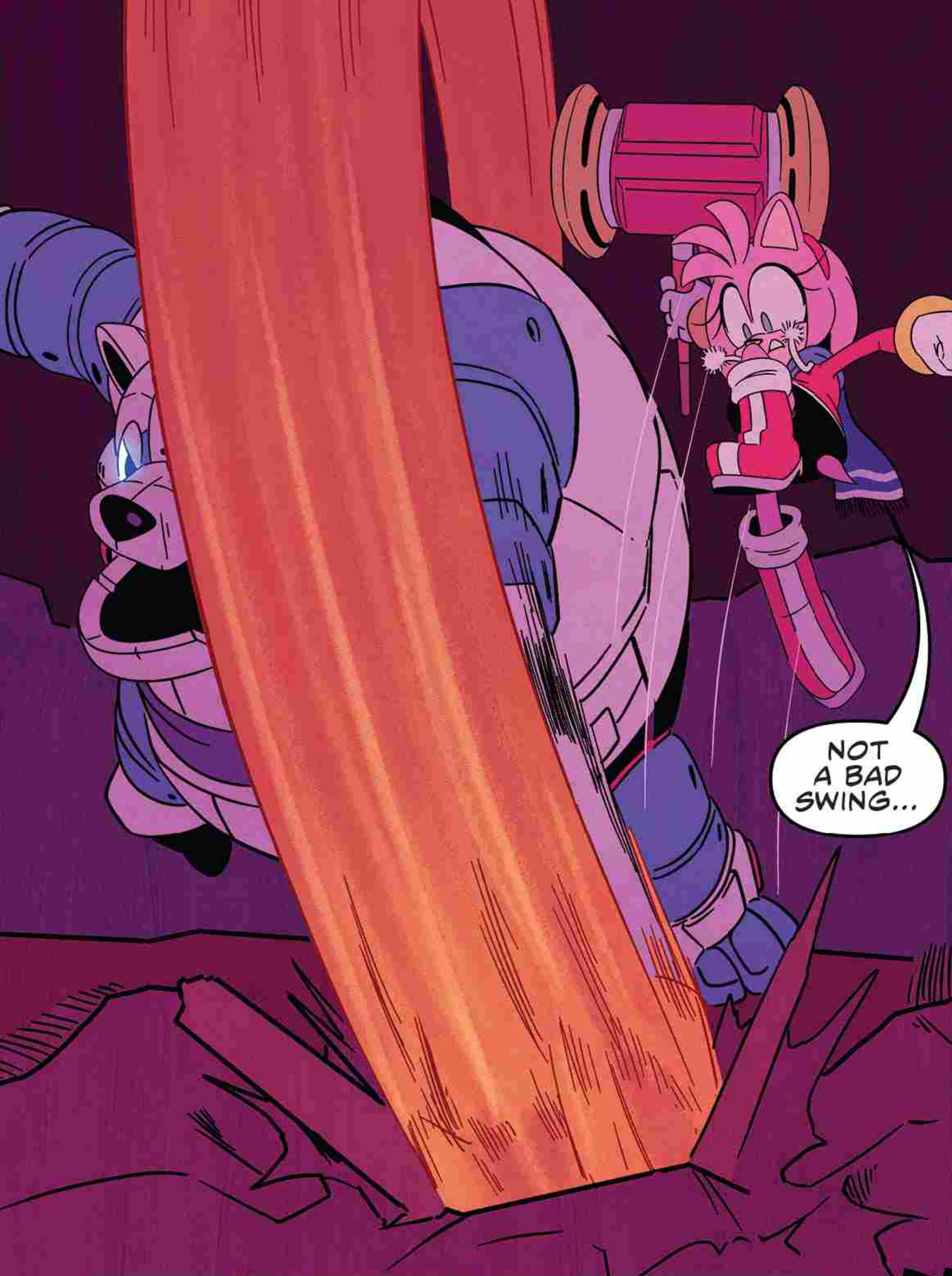














IF ONLY SONIC WERE HERE...!

NO! YOU AREN'T GOING TO LET THIS BIG, DUMB JERK PUSH YOU AROUND!



YOU'RE GONNA HANDLE IT YOURSELF!



LISTEN UP, YOU BUCKET'A BOLTS! BEING IN CHARGE OF THE RESTORATION WAS WAY TOUGHER THAN ANYTHING YOU CAN THROW AT ME.

BEATING UP BAD 'BOTS LIKE YOU IS MY SPECIALTY, SO...



...YOU MIGHT AS WELL GIVE UP NOW!

PIKO



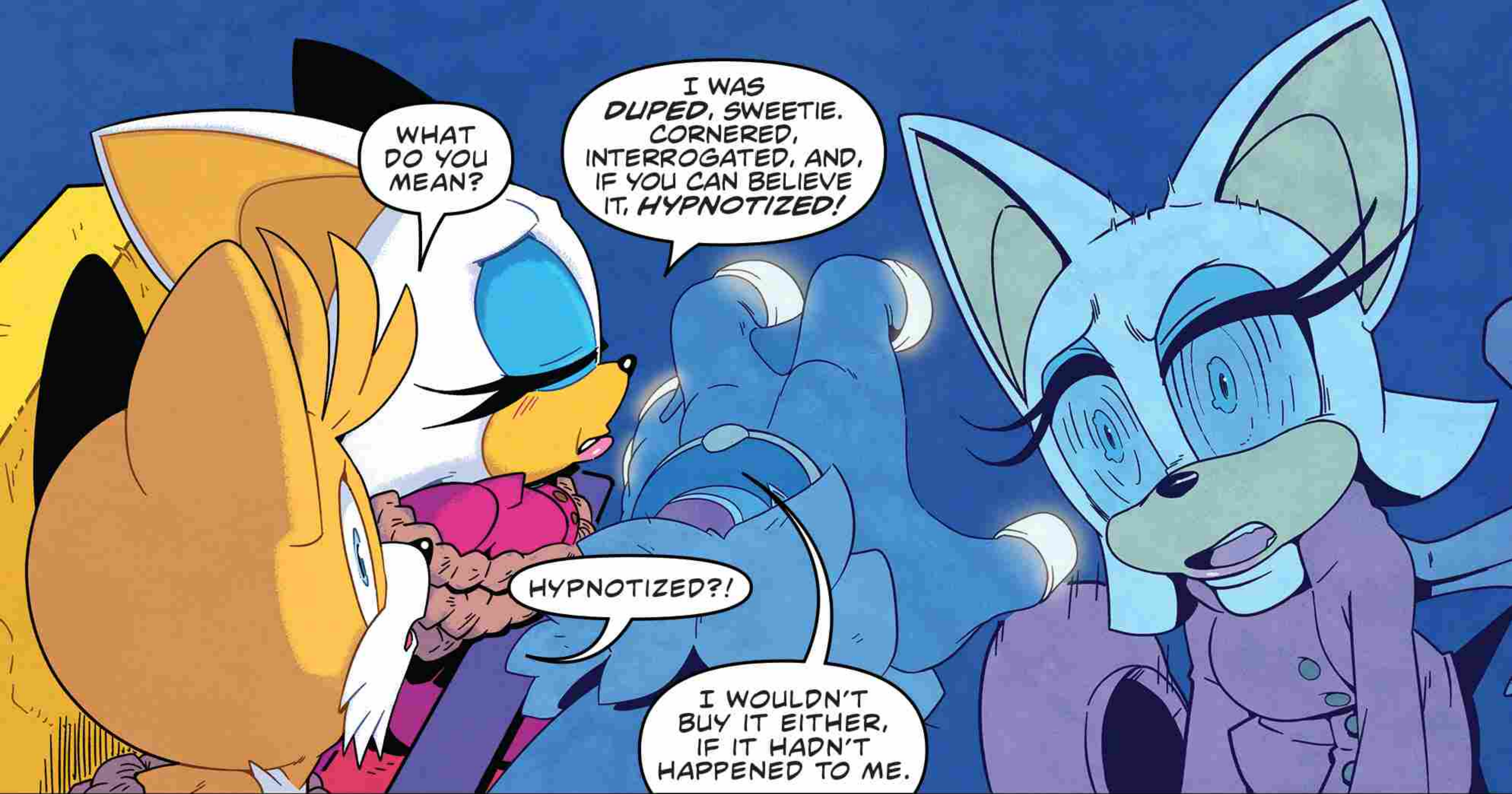
AHA! NOT AS HARD-HEADED AS YOU LOOK, ARE YOU?



GRRAH!

GROWL ALL YOU WANT, I'M GONNA GET YOU!





WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I WAS DUPED, SWEETIE. CORNERED, INTERROGATED, AND, IF YOU CAN BELIEVE IT, HYPNOTIZED!

HYPNOTIZED?!

I WOULDN'T BUY IT EITHER, IF IT HADN'T HAPPENED TO ME.

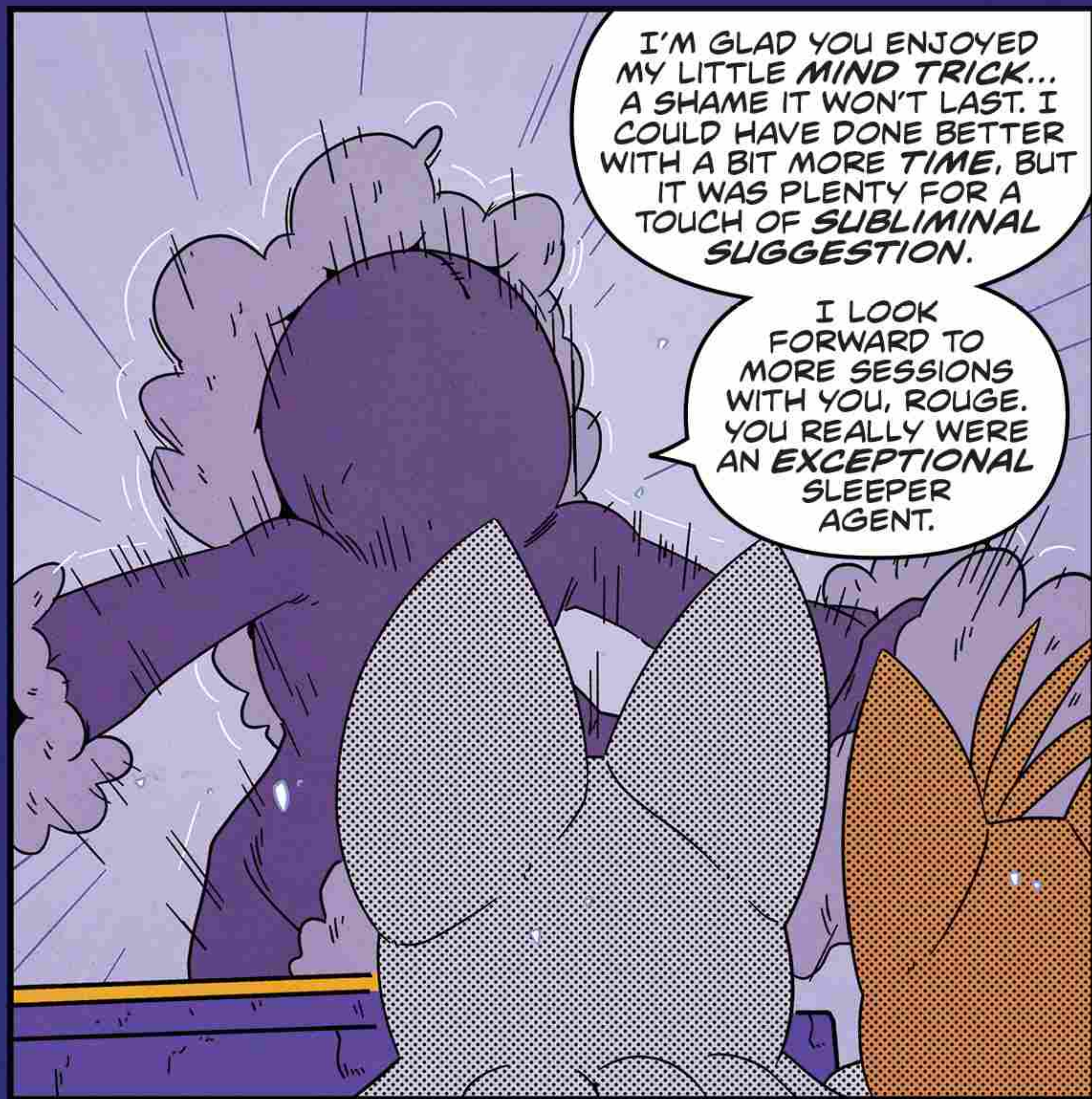


BUT... WHY?

BEATS ME. BUT I THINK I KNOW WHO...



NOW, NOW... DON'T GO GIVING AWAY THE SURPRISE SO SOON!



I'M GLAD YOU ENJOYED MY LITTLE MIND TRICK... A SHAME IT WON'T LAST. I COULD HAVE DONE BETTER WITH A BIT MORE TIME, BUT IT WAS PLENTY FOR A TOUCH OF SUBLIMINAL SUGGESTION.

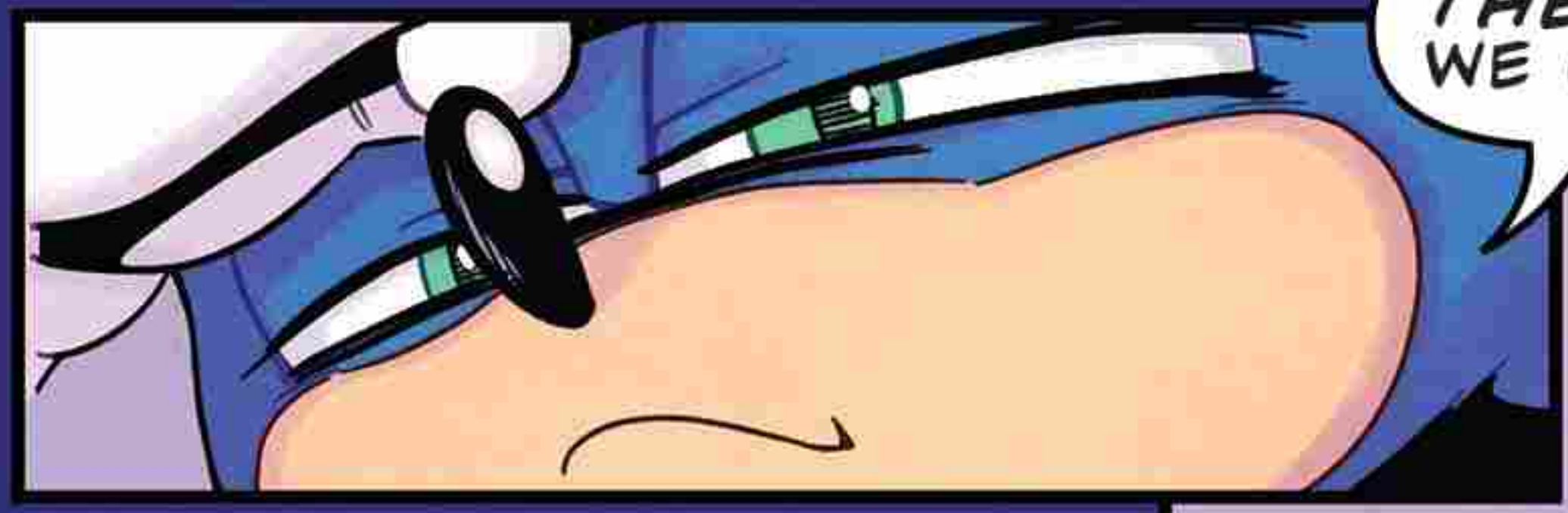
I LOOK FORWARD TO MORE SESSIONS WITH YOU, ROUGE. YOU REALLY WERE AN EXCEPTIONAL SLEEPER AGENT.



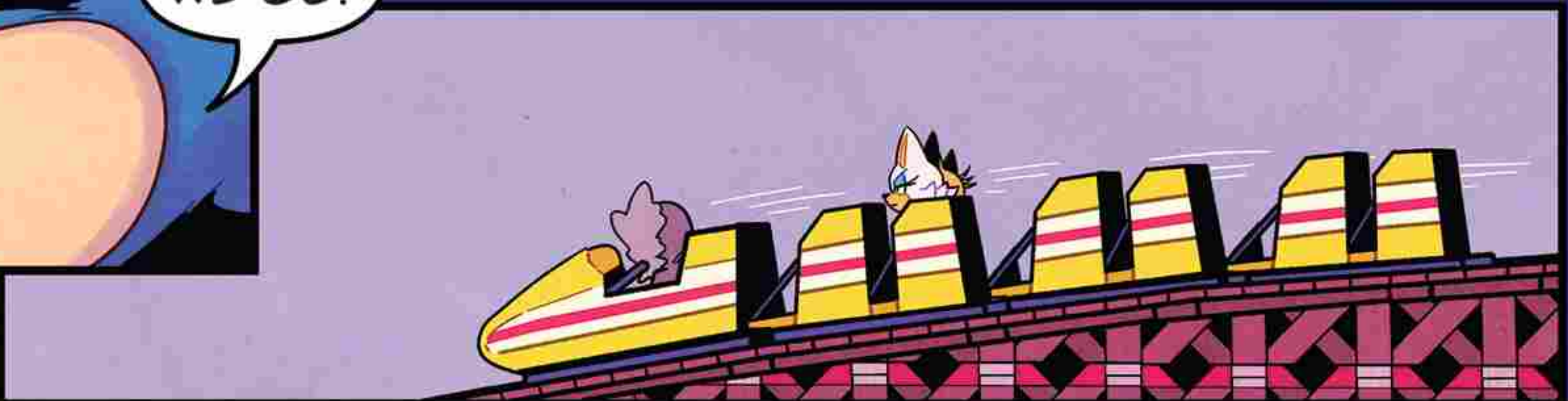
AS SOON AS THIS COASTER REACHES THE EDGE OF THE PARK, WE'LL HOP OFF AND MAKE OUR EXIT... WE'LL ALL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO TALK WHEN YOU'RE SITTING COMFORTABLY IN MY TEST CHAMBERS.



IF I WERE
A KID GENIUS
AND/OR A
SUPER-SPY,
WHERE WOULD
I BE...



THERE
WE GO!



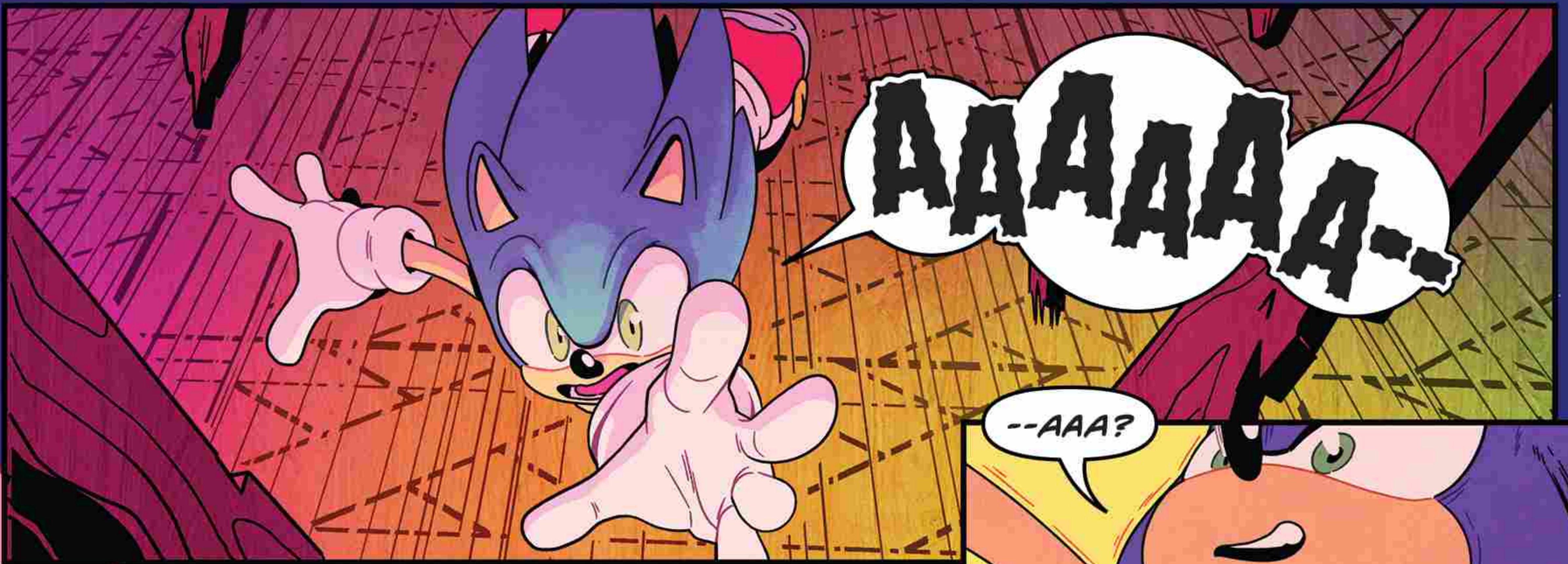
TIME
TO GET
TO THE
BOTTOM
OF THIS.



AH,
EXCELLENT...



...IT'S
NEARLY TIME
FOR MY BIG
SCENE.





OUT OF MY WAY.

THANKS FOR THE CATCH. ARE YOU FOLLOWING THE COASTER, TOO?



I HAD THE WRONG MAN BEFORE--NOT THIS TIME!

I'LL TAKE THAT AS A "YES."



HEY, YOU! IT'S RUDE TO THROW ROLLER COASTERS AT PEOPLE! I EXPECT A FULL APOLOGY!



SONIC! WATCH OUT, IT'S--

A-A-AH, SIDEKICK...

...I'LL HANDLE THE DRAMATIC REVEAL, THANK-YOU-VERY-MUCH!

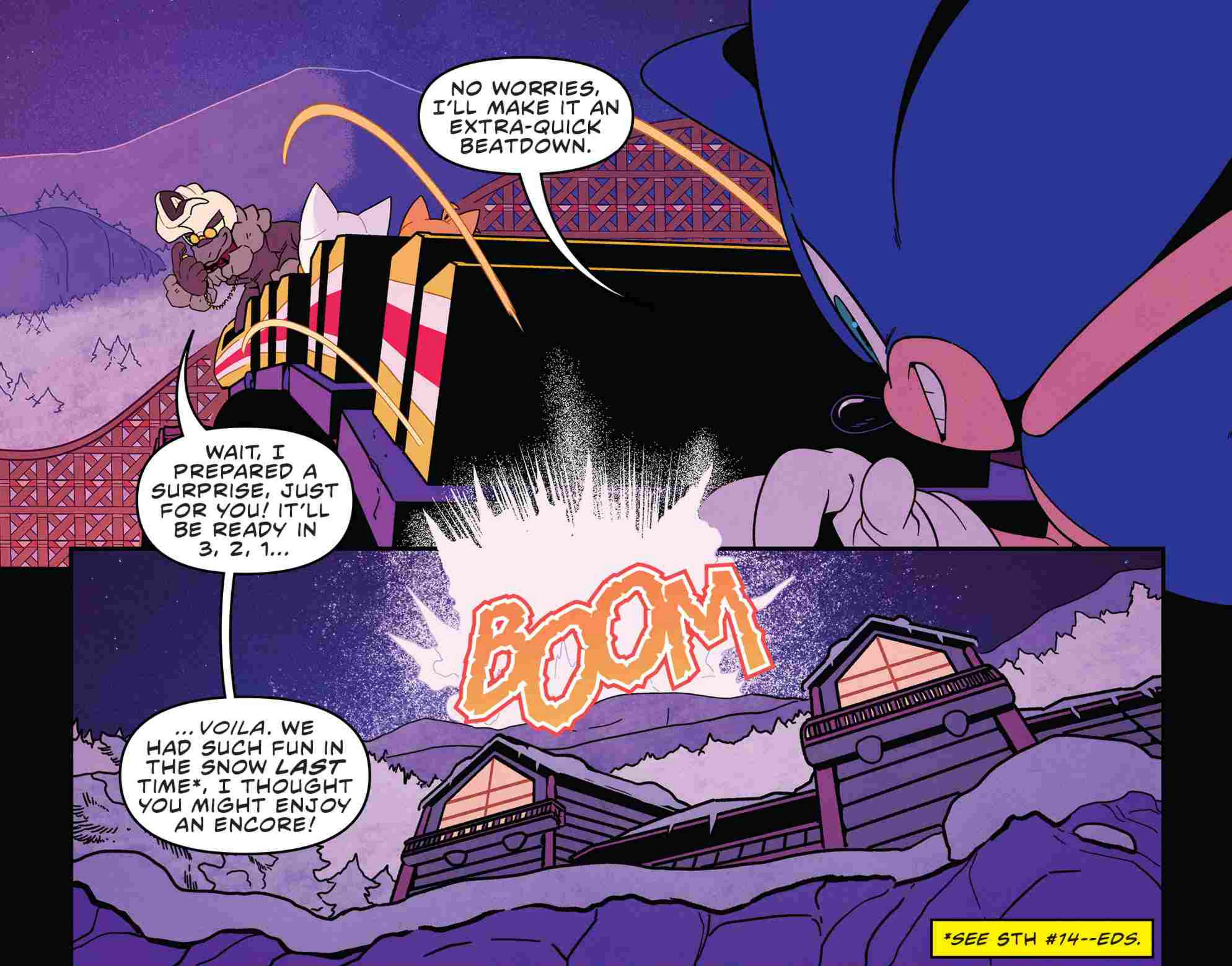


STARLINE! LONG TIME NO SEE, SCUZZBALL. WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN HIDING?

NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, HEDGEHOG.*

I'M AFRAID I'M A BIT TOO BUSY FOR A FIGHT TODAY. PLACES TO GO, PEOPLE TO KIDNAP, YOU UNDERSTAND.

*FOR STARLINE'S STORY, CHECK OUT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: BAD GUYS--EDS.





NEXT MONTH



SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD

Howdy, Squad! Starline?! Seems like this guy is always up to no good! Thank you for joining Evan Stanley, Adam Bryce Thomas, Reggie Graham, and Shawn Lee for “Chao Races and Badnik Bases,” part three! Let’s check out your letters and art and get to know more about the colorist, Reggie Graham!

My name is Riley. I’m eight years-old and this is my first drawing!

I recently started playing Sonic with my brother on the TV and I fell in love! We started to read the comics together, but they’re really sad and made me cry when Tangle was infected. She’s my favorite character—I really like lemurs!

I check the internet every day to see if a new issue has come out. I can’t wait to see what happens next! Thank you so much for making this series!

Bye,
Riley

Hi, Riley! I really like your name! Thanks for your awesome art and letter.

I’m SO sorry the comics made you



cry—it was really sad to see such a cheerful and fun character zombified. Hopefully you’ve caught up and seen that Tangle is all better now. Aren’t lemurs the coolest? I got to see some at a zoo last year and learned that a group of lemurs is called a troop!

P.S. The comics come out once a month!

Hi!

My name is David and I love Sonic! What do Sonic artists use to draw the Sonic the Hedgehog comics?

Anyway that’s all from me.

Bye.

Hi, David! This is a great question. All of the artists use different methods. Some line artists work traditionally, meaning they use pencils and ink on paper, while others draw digitally using a tablet of some sort. Some line artists even use a combination of both by doing most of the art traditionally but using digital tablets to add small details in later. All of the colorists on the book work digitally. If you’re interested in learning more about their techniques, some of the artists give tutorials on their social media accounts. It’s amazing to see how pages come together—sometimes it seems like magic!

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don’t forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: “OKAY TO PRINT!” And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Join us next month for the conclusions of “Chao Races and Badnik Bases”!

CREATOR CORNER: **REGGIE GRAHAM**

1. What part of the Sonic comics do you create?

I am a Colorist and Cover Artist.

2. Who's your favorite Sonic character in the IDW books?

Cream the Rabbit (and Cheese!).

3. How do you take your chili dog?

Instead of a regular dog, I definitely prefer smokies, and extra grated cheese on top of the chili.

4. How did you first discover Sonic?

When I was about seven or eight, I played Sonic Heroes and Sonic Adventure 2 at a friend's house and begged my parents for my own GameCube soon after.

5. What was the first IDW Sonic issue you worked on?

Cover colors for Issue #14!

6. What's a boring fact about yourself?

I spent way too much time just now trying to come up with a boring fact.

7. What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic)?

Fullmetal Alchemist.

8. What do you do when you're not drawing or working on Sonic?

Lately, I've been getting into streaming video games.

9. What's the most unusual Sonic thing you own?



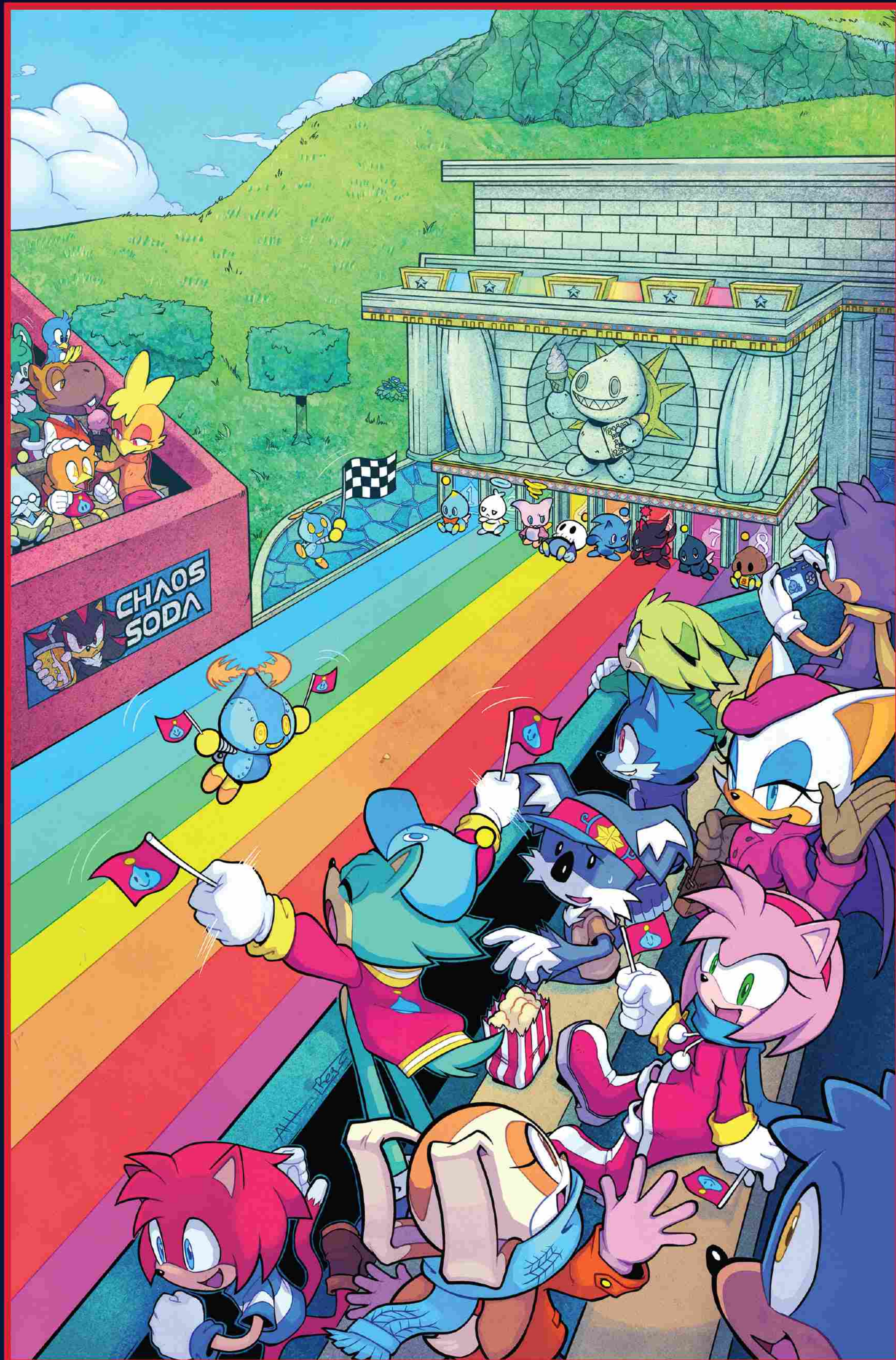
A copy of Sonic '06 for the PS3.

10. If you could go to dinner with one Sonic character, who would it be and why?

Tangle. I feel like our geeky and over-enthusiastic personalities would spark enjoyable conversation.

11. What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?

Oh. Definitely a Siamang.



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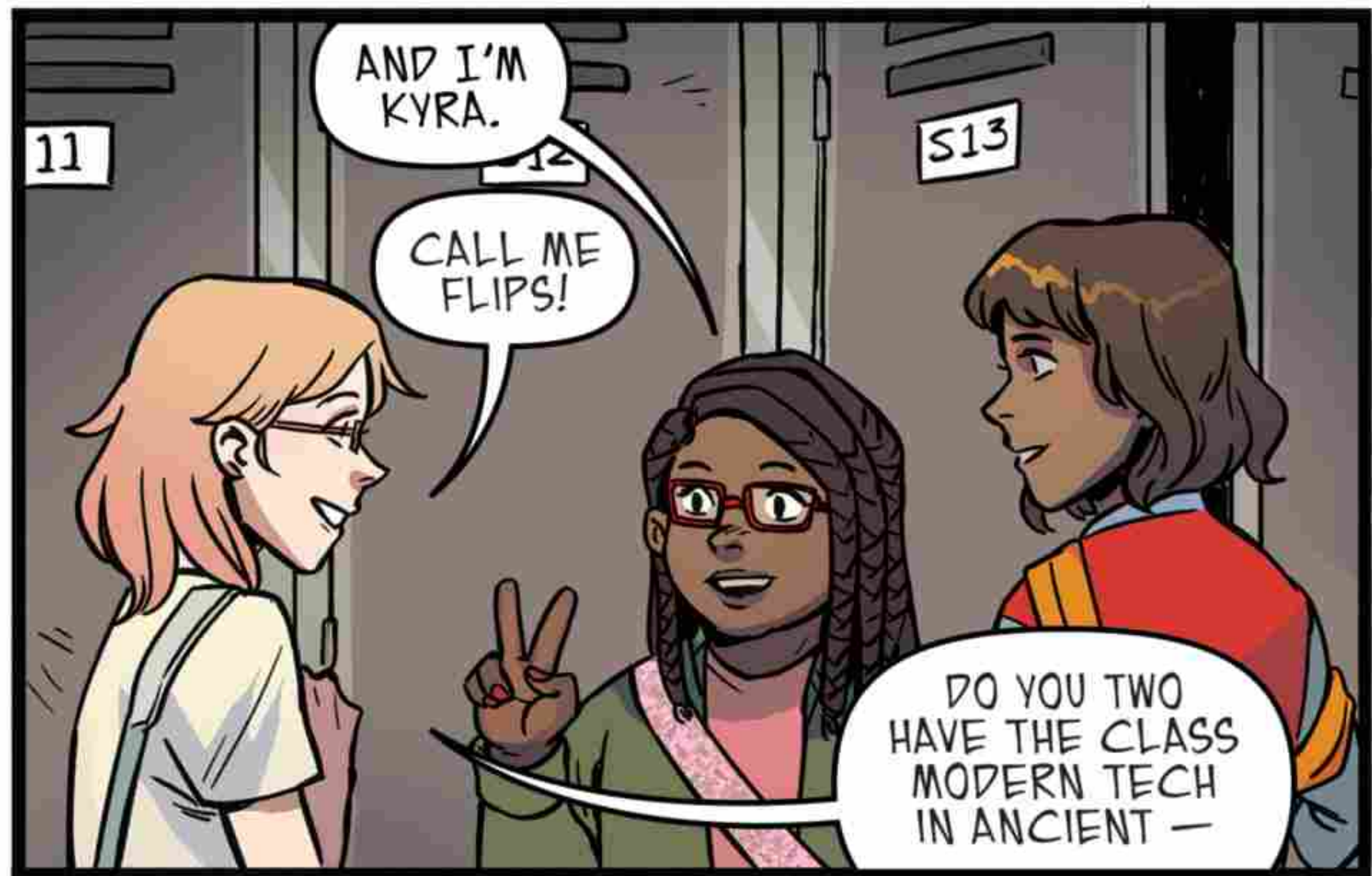
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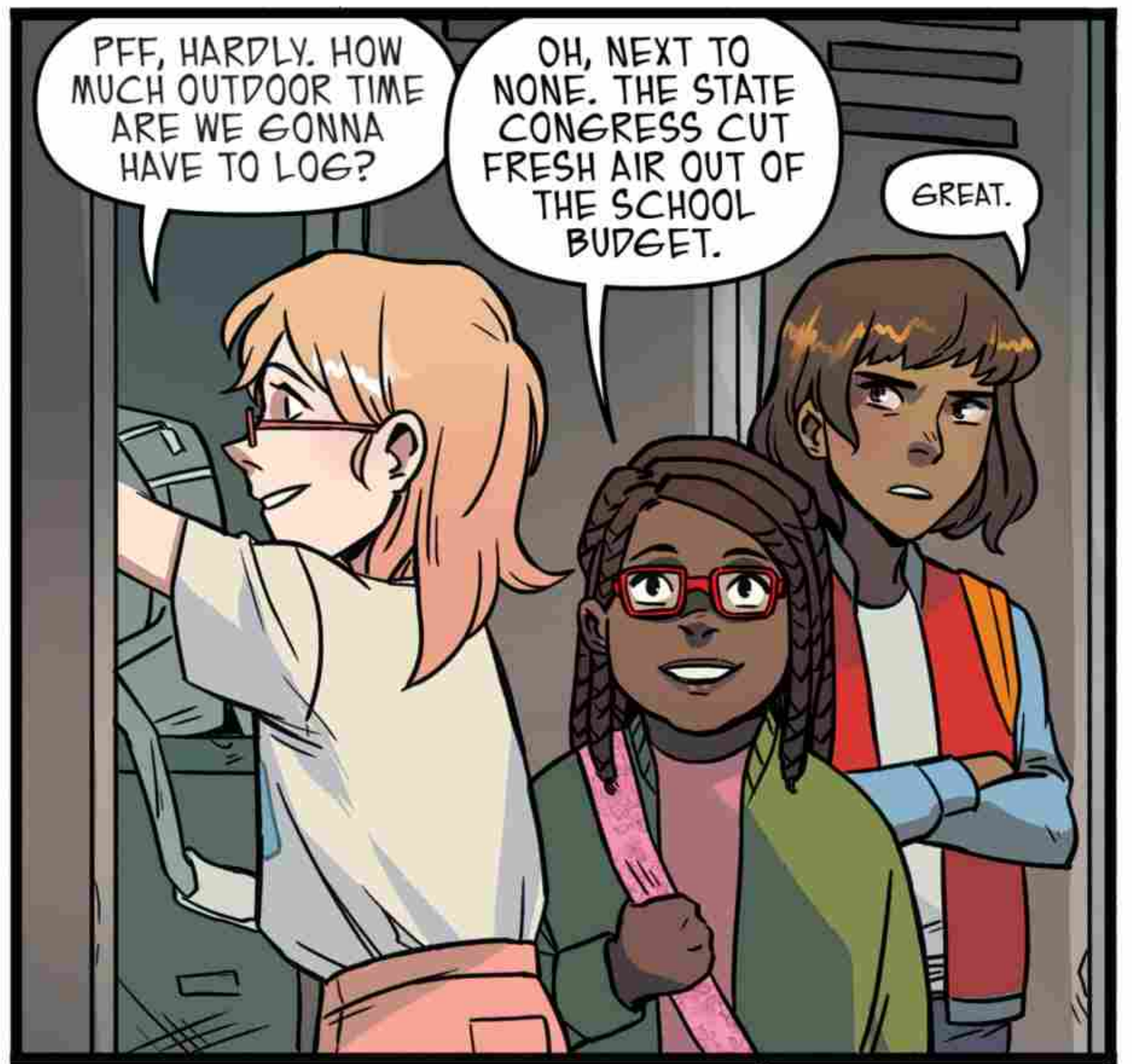
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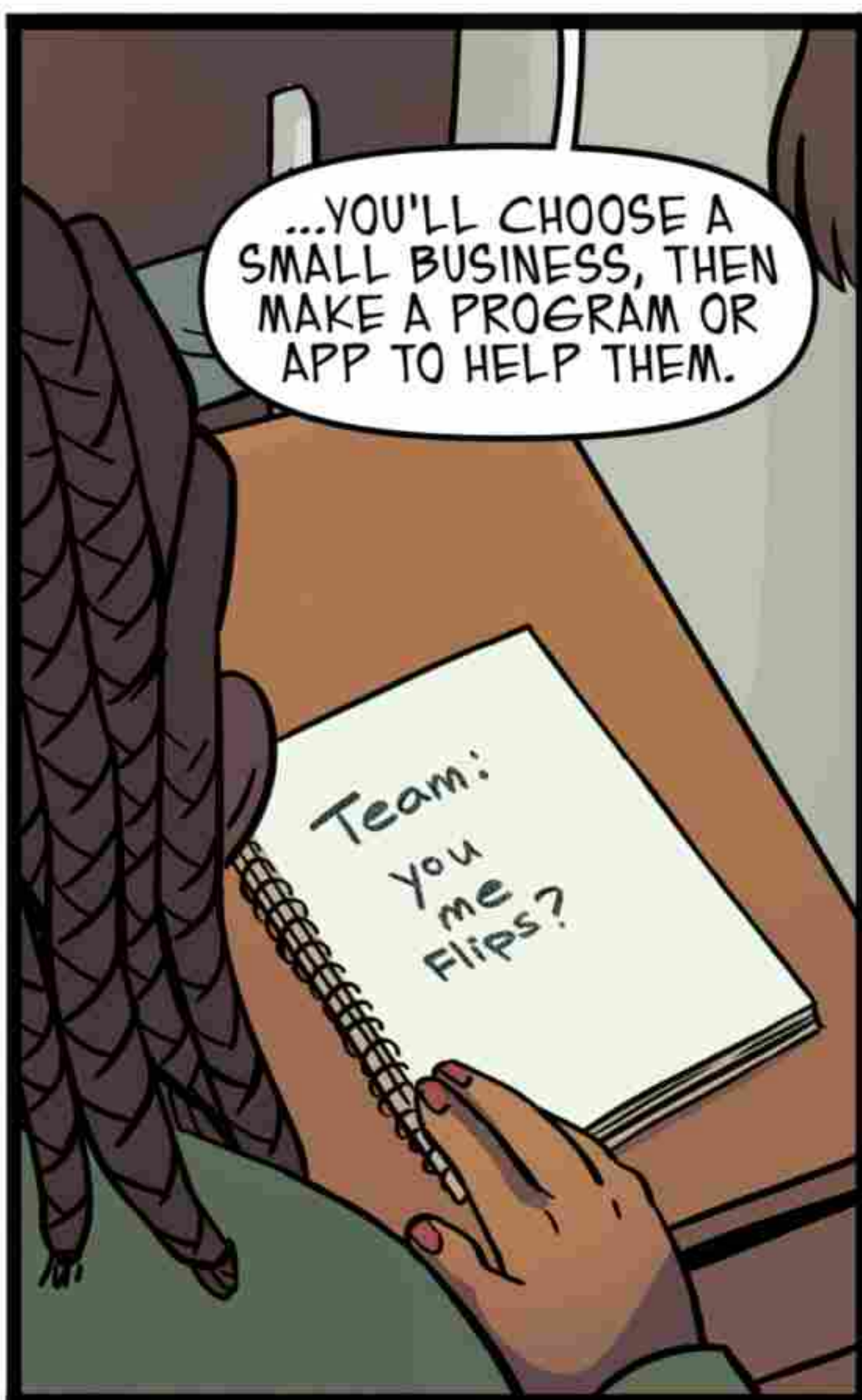
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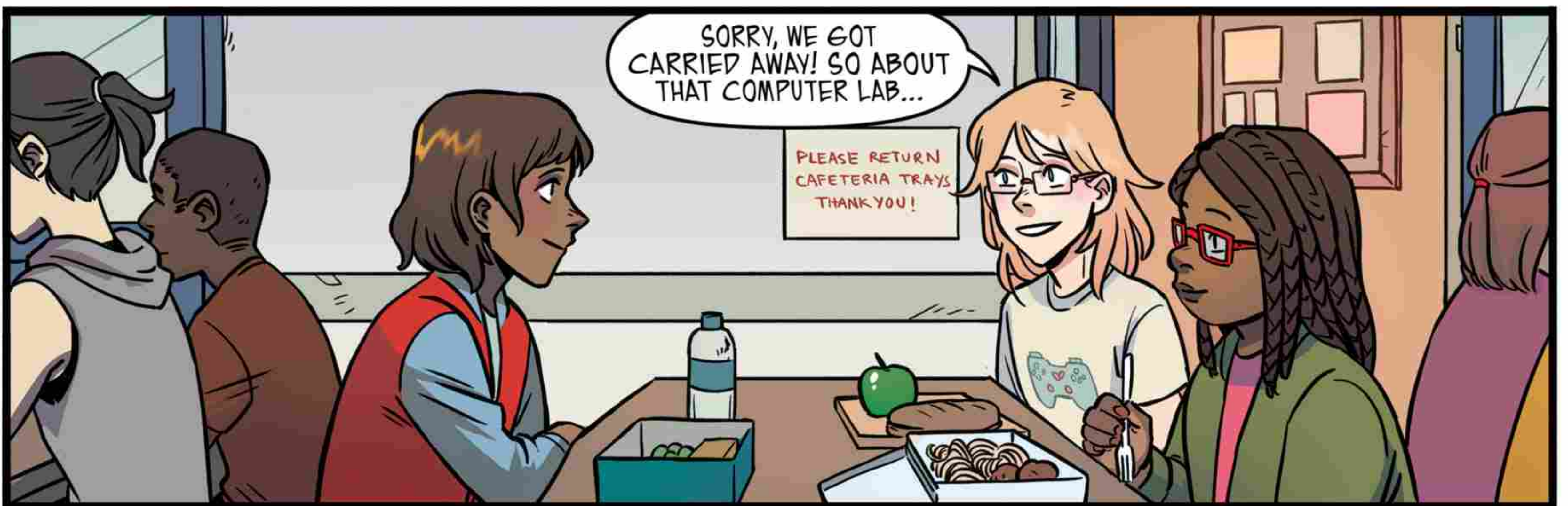


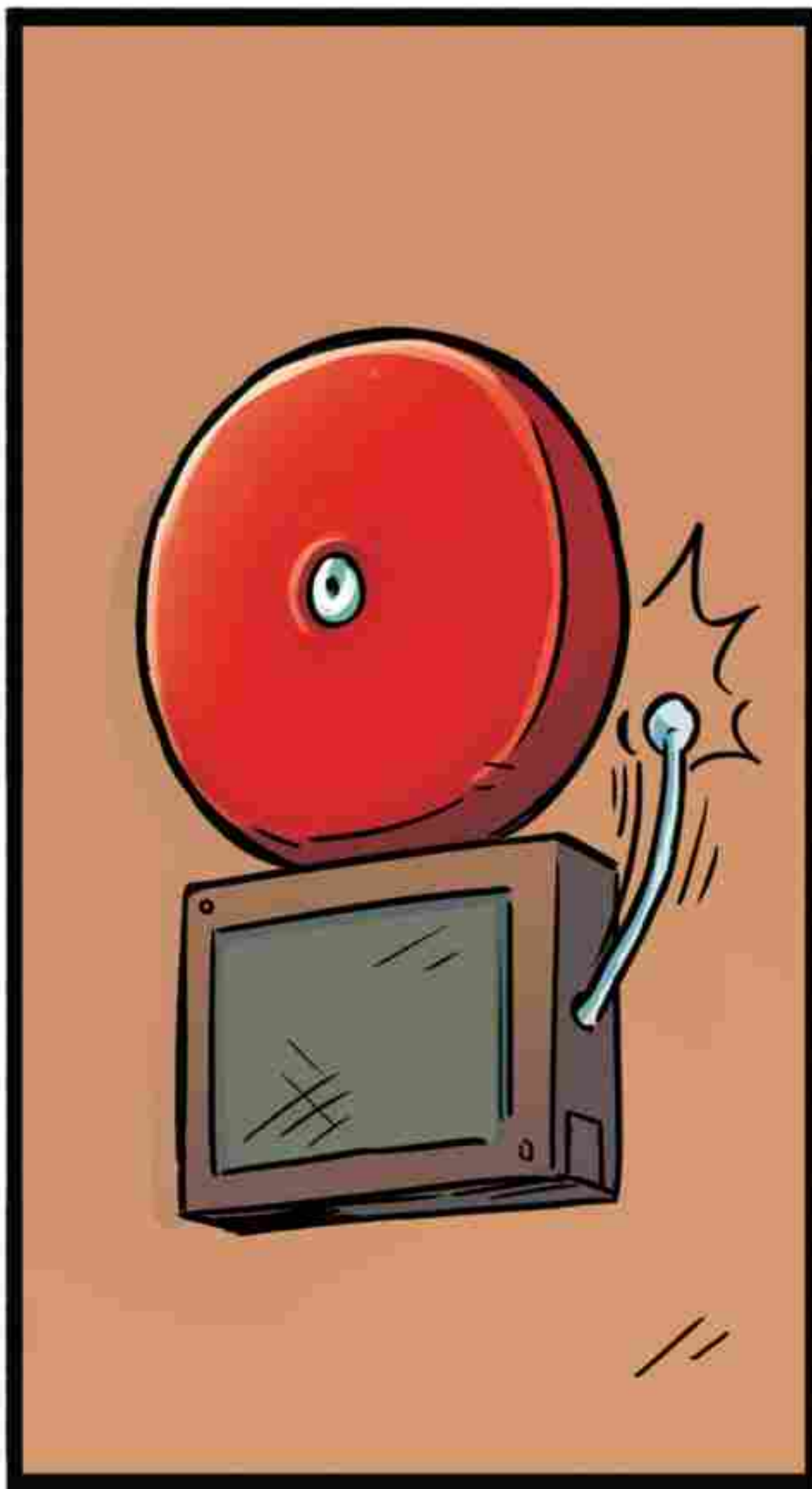
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